

## **Department of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Kenneth Rueter President and Chief Executive Officer URS | CH2M Oak Ridge LLC Attn. 90 Union Valley Road A-4-16 P.O. Box 4699 Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Dear Mr. Rueter:

This letter serves as notification of the Office of Enterprise Assessments' Office of Enforcement's decision to conduct an investigation into the facts and circumstances associated with workers performing Class I asbestos abatement while wearing their personal sampling pumps in the "HOLD" mode on seven occasions at the at the Y-12 National Security Complex from July 13 through 16, 2020, while performing deactivation and decommissioning activities for URS | CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR).

The Office of Enforcement will conduct this investigation pursuant to the authority set forth in 10 C.F.R. § 851.40(a), *Investigations and inspections*. The investigation will include an onsite visit and interviews with contractor personnel.

A request for documents to support this investigation will be provided separately via e-mail. Your cooperation to ensure timely submission of all documents to our office is appreciated.

Under the Major Fraud Act (MFA), as amended, 41 U.S.C. § 4310, this investigation may be a proceeding commenced by the United States that relates to a violation of, or the failure to comply with, a Federal regulation. Costs incurred in connection with such a proceeding are subject to the reimbursement restrictions of the MFA implemented at 48 C.F.R. § 31.205-47. As a result, UCOR should track any costs incurred that are directly attributable to supporting Department of Energy's investigation, subsequent to receipt of this letter, and segregate them from other potentially allowable costs.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (301) 903-7707, or your staff may contact Robert Hailstone, Director, Office of Worker Safety and Health Enforcement, at (301) 903-0100.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Dressman

Director

Office of Enforcement

Office of Enterprise Assessments



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